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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner:

5 Claims 1 and 3-11 as dependent on claim 1 are rejected under 35 U.S.C., second paragraph.

Response:

10 Claim 1 has been amended as identified in the "Amendments to the Specification section of this response. The term "bare-handedly disassembled" has been replace with the limitation of the cover being fastened to the housing utilizing a plurality of thumb screws as suggested by the Examiner. Support for the changes can be found in Paragraph [0020] and no new material has been introduced.

15 The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 1 and 3-11 dependent thereon under 35 U.S.C., second paragraph.

20 Examiner:

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-10, 12, 14-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarraf (US Patent 4,926,291) in view of Mitchell et al. (US Patent 6,211,258) or Heard (US Patent Application Publication 2002/0080580A1).

25 Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kammersgard et al. in view of Mitchell et al. or Heard.

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Claims 2, 6, 11, 13, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Response:

10 The Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the allowance of claims 2, 6, 11, 13, and 19 if rewritten appropriately. Without disclaimer of any kind regarding the respective merits of any claim in the application, "thumb screw" limitations found in allowed claim 2 have been added to independent claim 1 and "read-write state indicator" limitations previously found in allowed claim 19 have been added to independent claim
15 12. Claim 19 has been cancelled. No new material has been introduced.

As the Examiner has stated that these limitations make the present application distinct over prior art for reasons of record, the Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance
20 of all claims remaining in the application.

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